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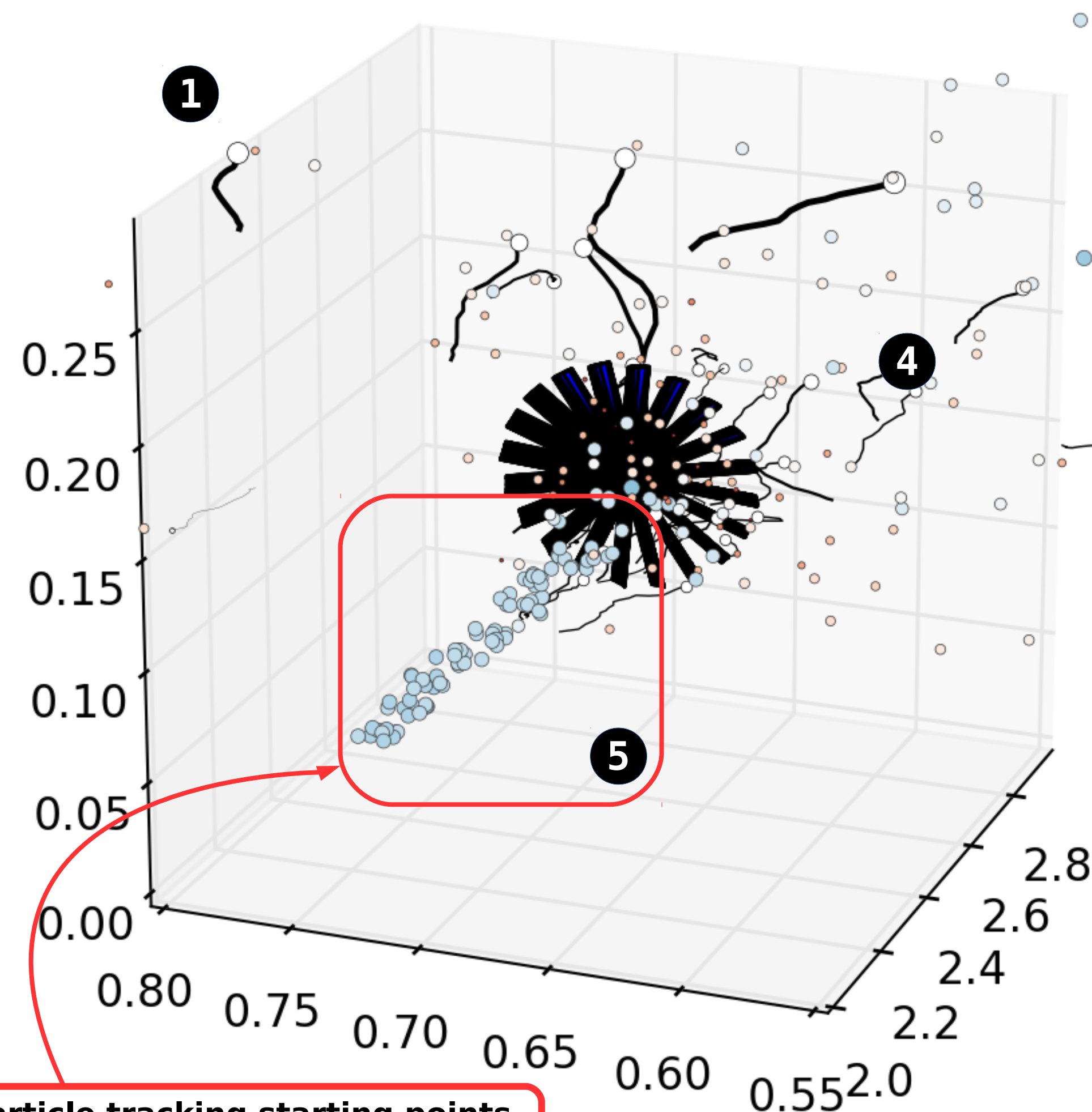
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## Objectives

- **Reproduce the fluid particle trajectories** in order to describe the physical processes involved in the flow.
- Provide a **trajectory visualization tool** useful for SDM-OceaPos developers and users.
- Create a **plug-in version** that can be implemented independently from the existing code.
- **Automate** the methodology **customizable** to different study cases.

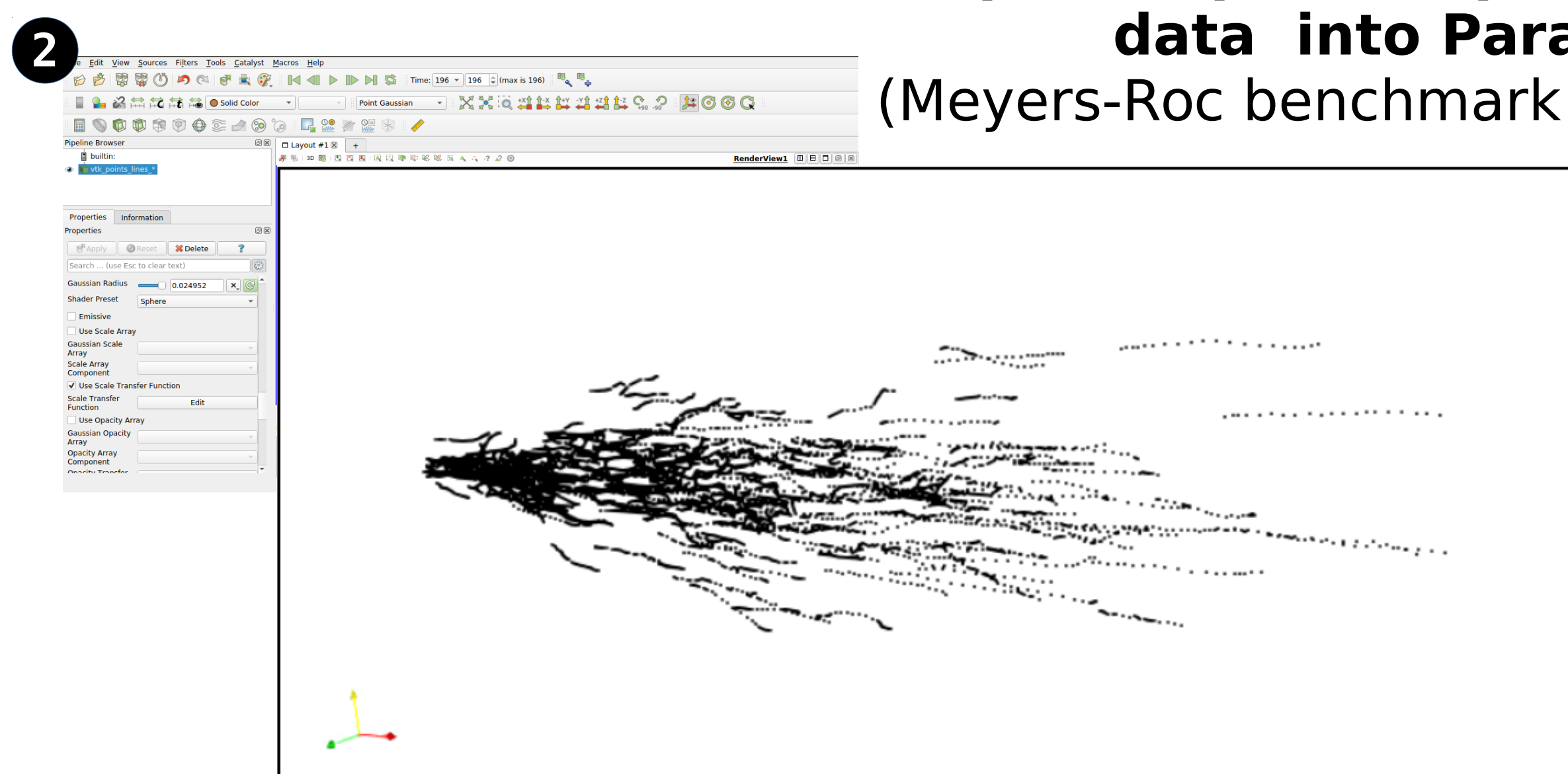
## Output Features

**3D visualization of a Porous-disk simulation**  
(Meyers-Roc benchmark case)



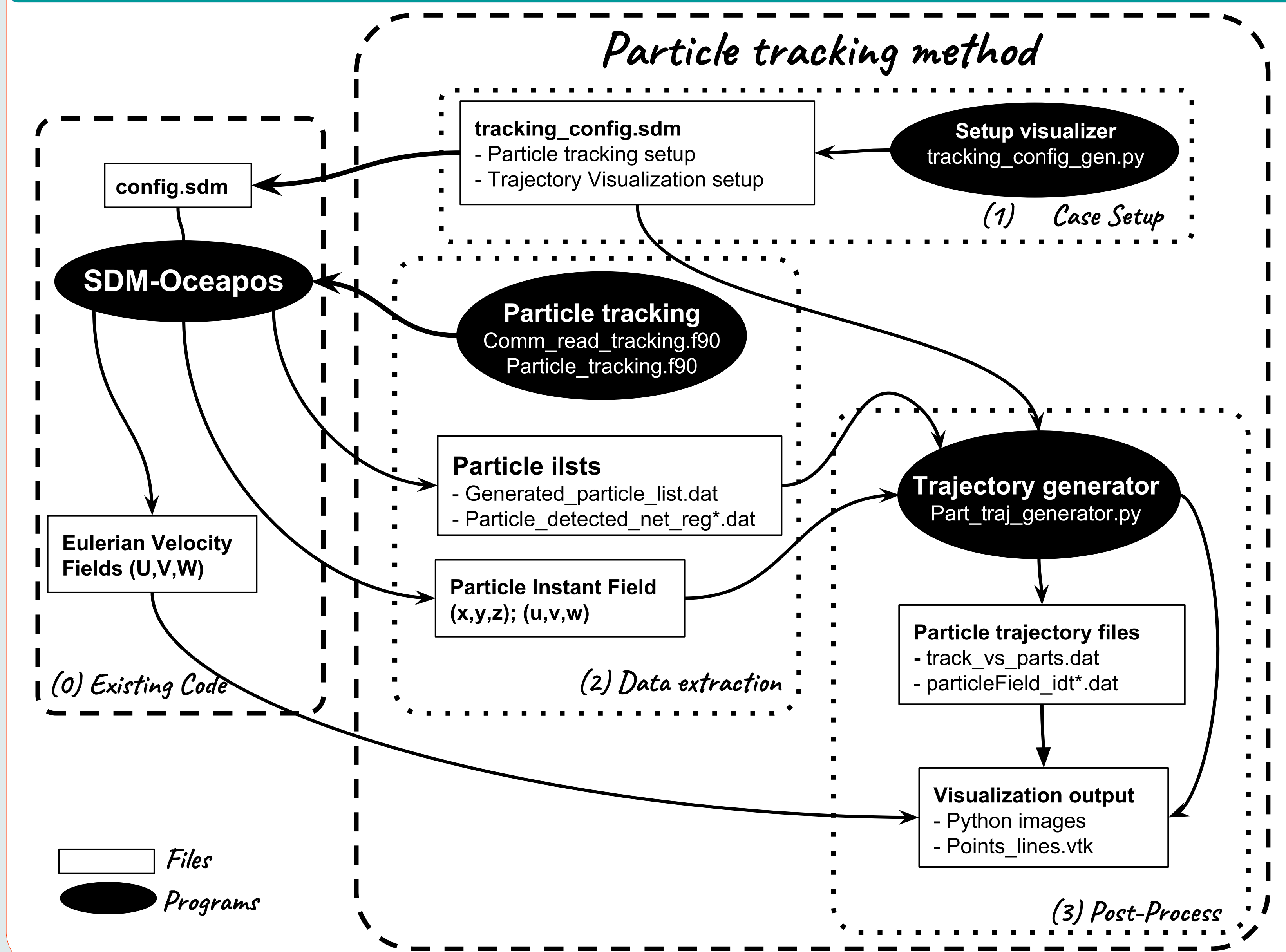
Particle tracking starting points located on the disk's center line.

**Exported particle position data into Paraview**  
(Meyers-Roc benchmark case)

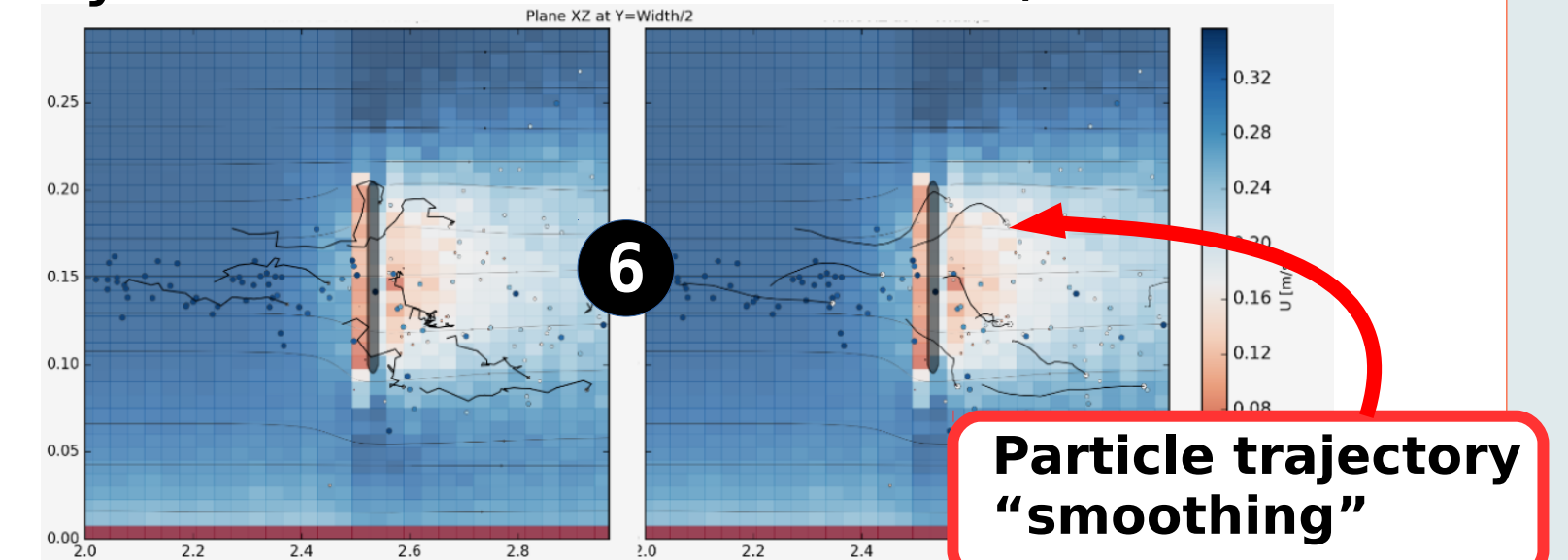


- 1 **3D image and animation** automated generation;
- 2 **Exportable .vtk files** for other visualization software (Paraview, Blender, etc.);
- 3 Eulerian **velocity distribution** with streamlines;
- 4 **Particle field** colored with instant velocity;
- 5 Select particle tracking **starting points**, seed-cells and particle **trajectory detection region**, "net-region";
- 6 Particle **trajectory visualization and post-treatment** (fluctuation reduction, resolution, etc.)

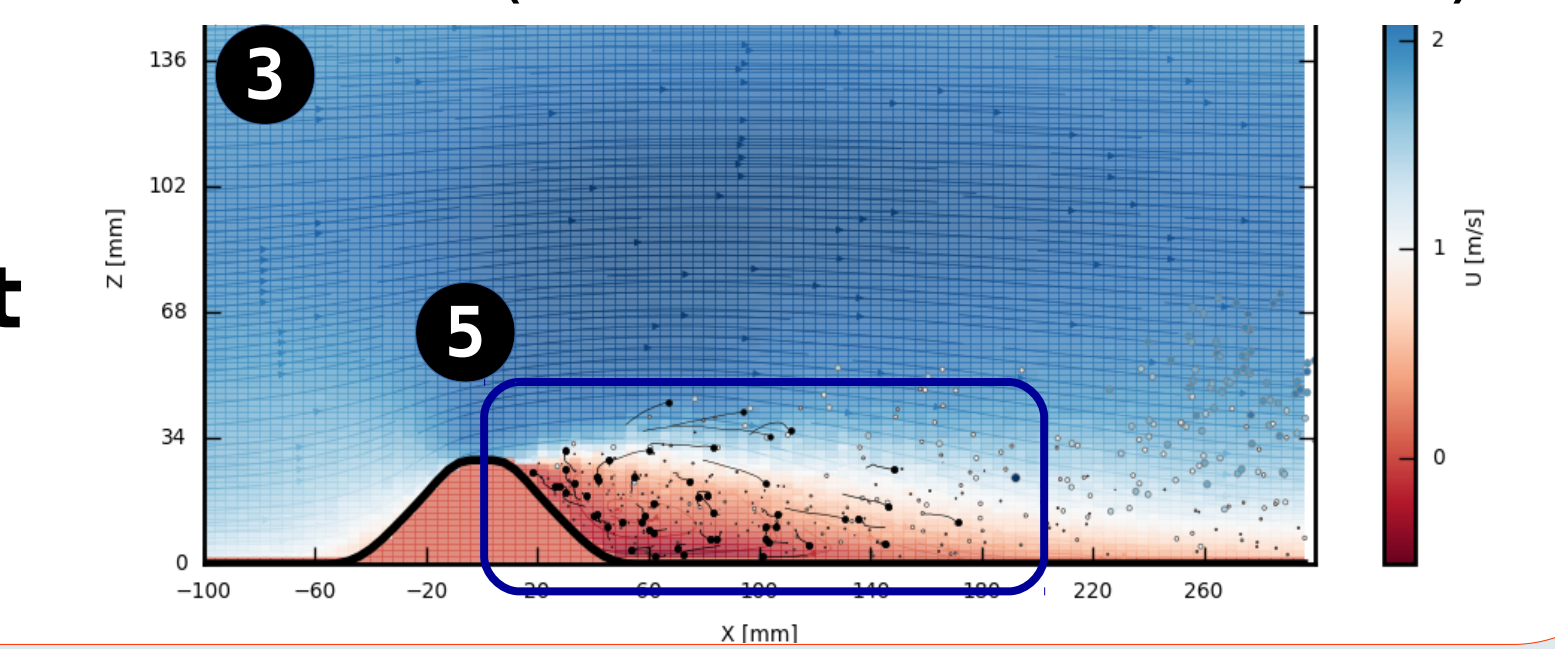
## Numerical tool diagram



**Particle trajectory treatment**  
(Meyers-Roc benchmark case)



**Recirculation region trajectory detection** (Ameida benchmark case)



## Conclusions

- It was possible to extract and reproduce particle trajectories from the SDM-Ocepos simulation results.
- The tool allows the interpretation of the particle's behavior and helps to understand how it is affected by the Lagrangian algorithm.
- Intuitive parameters, such as trajectory length and particle velocity at the region of interest, can be implemented to customize the image generation.